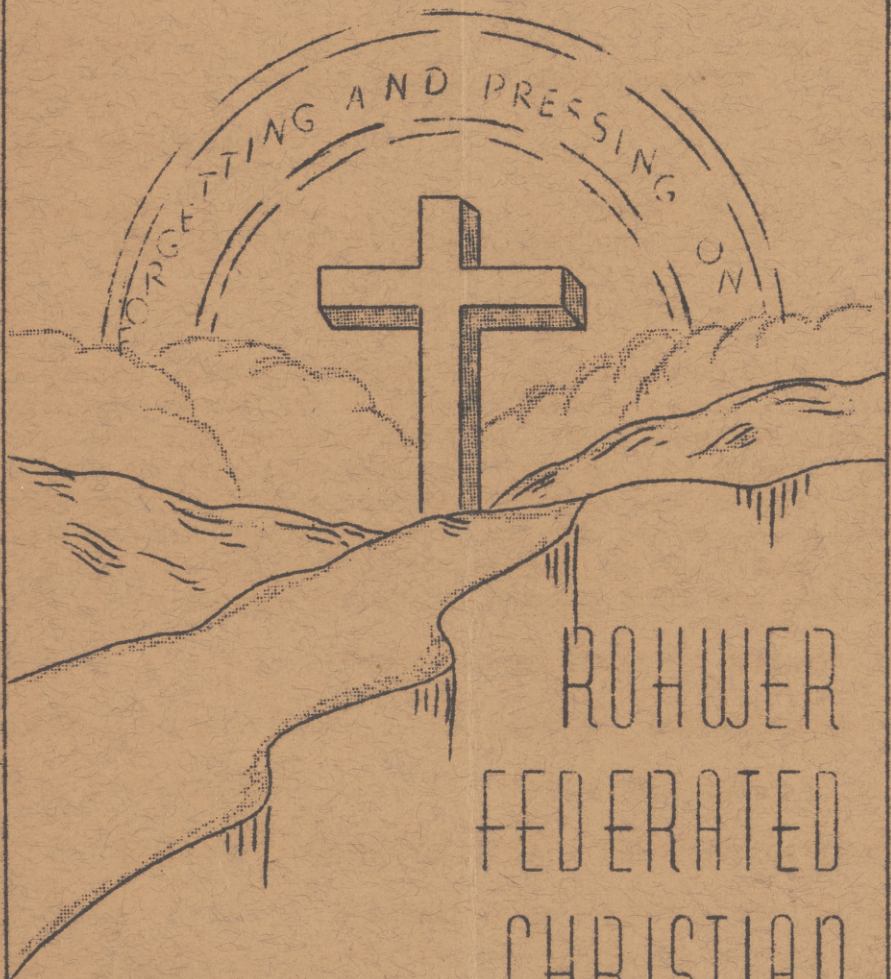

ROHWER FEDERATED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JAN. 2, 1944

McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

ORDER of WORSHIP

10:15 a.m. Jan. 2, 1944

Chairman: Rev. K. Harper Sakaue

PRELUDE — Miss Masako Tabuchi

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP — Congregation
"The Lord is in His Holy Temple" NO. 482

INVOCATION AND UNISON PRAYER

Have mercy upon us, our Heavenly Father, according to Thy loving kindness; forgive us for our transgressions during the past year. Grant unto us, we pray Thee, renewed power that we may constantly walk with the newness of life. Guide and strengthen us for Thy task for this new year; and may our people find joy and peace in Thee. With gratitude, we pray in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Pilot through life's tempestuous sea. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 218 "More Love to Thee"

RESPONSIVE READING NO. 505 — "Praise"

NEW YEAR'S SCRIPTURE LESSON — Phillippians 3: 7-21

PASTORAL PRAYER TO BE FOLLOWED BY WORSHIP IN GIVING

*HYMN NO. 374 "Loyalty to Christ"

SERMON " — Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott
"FORGETTING AND PRESSING ON"

*HYMN NO. 269 "Higher Ground"

*BENEDICTION — Dr. Garrott

POSTLUDE

NEW YEARS MESSAGE

A year in a relocation center has come and gone. What has it meant or done to you? Have you been on the "receiving end" or have you tried to improve and contribute your efforts for our internal welfare?

We who are Christians belong to a mighty world-wide movement whose Founder is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Though the ends of the earth quake in warfare, we as Christians can join hands with our brothers around the world in peace and joining in prayer. In these days, we cannot afford to be complacent. We need to pray for peace to come. This year, we need to get your friend and my friend out to church. Yes, NOW is the appointed time. And YOURS is the task. It is a glorious task and you will be happy for having done so.

Remember, too, that we have more friends on the outside than we realize. 1944 will certainly be a HAPPY NEW YEAR, as we begin to appreciate what our friends are doing to help us become relocated and resume our normal life in an ordinary American community.

For a blessed New Year, let's grow more like our Master. Our cordial greetings to you everywhere.

K.H.S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular meeting of the Y.P.C.F. will be held tonight at P.S. Hall #20 from 7:30 p.m. with the installation of newly elected officers. New cabinet members are president, Yuriko Uyehara; vice-pres., Hisako Kittaka; secretary, Masako Tabuchi; and treasurer, Isami Inouye.

Speaking to us at special meetings on Jan. 5th and 6th will be Dr. Walter D. Howell, who conducted our leadership training course here last summer. Dr. Howell is affiliated with the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and is from Philadelphia, Penn. The public is cordially invited to attend these worthwhile meetings.

NEW YEAR

A Flower unblown: a Book unread:
A Tree with fruit unharvested:
A Path untrod: a House whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes:
A Landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies:
A wondrous Fountain yet unsealed:
A Casket with its gifts concealed --
This is the Year that for you waits
Beyond To-morrow's mystic gates.

-- Horatio Nelson Powers

FROM FAR AND NEAR

We wish to express genuine appreciation to the following friends and churches for their season's greetings: the Topaz Protestant Church, the Manzanar Christian Church, the Granada Christian Church; Reverend and Mrs. K. Inori, Jerome; Major and Mrs. Masahide Imai, Jerome; Reverend and Mrs. Clyde J. Burnett, Los Angeles, California; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Shimidzu, Chicago, Illinois; and Mr. Ira Holland, now attending the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, California. We also acknowledge with thanks the holiday remembrance that the Rohwer Community Activities Section sent us.

And from Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Page of La Habra, California, comes this encouraging message: "In the words of John 1:5 (Goodspeed translation): 'The light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out.' Yes, the Star of Bethlehem is still shining. 'Rejoice, again I say Rejoice! '"

To these friends and others who are scattered throughout the country may the New Year continue to bring faith, hope, and courage.